

## ANOTHER G W R QUERY

The article in Bulletin 241 Page 11 prompted MARTIN KNIGHT to write and supply a GWR perfin for illustration. The stamp is a 1d lilac Revenue perfinned GR/W G4350.02 (not sideways as the 241 article). However, this stamp is overprinted sideways on the face side "G.W.R./28th, Feby.,/1877. After examining the stamp, I would say that it is a professionally printed overprint, not a handstamp. The stamp bears no cancellation - fiscal or postal. Mr. Knight has spent much time researching the date 28-2-77, thinking it could have been a share date etc. for the railway stock, but has had no success in linking the date with any event in the history of the company.

Mr. Knight asks the following:-

1. Is this perfin common on other revenue issues?
2. Is this overprint well known?
3. Does the overprint exist but with other dates?
4. Does anyone know the significance of the date?
5. Does the overprint exist on other stamps with this or other GWR perfins?
6. Has anyone any evidence of usage by having a complete document?



The day after I prepared the above article, another similar photocopy came by post. BRIAN SMITH too wondered about a share call - this date being July 14th 1876. Perhaps the specialist collectors in the newly formed Br. Commercial Overprint Study Circle can shed some light on the matter.